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CXCR4 RECEPTOR BY SDF-1 IN TREATING
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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This Communication is submitted in response to the November 19, 2004 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the November 19, 2004 Final Office Action is due February 19, 2005. However, since February 19, 2005 falls on a Saturday, a response filed on the next business day which is not a Federal holiday, i.e. Tuesday, February 22, 2005, is considered timely. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.